



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Employment Security Department

Subject of possible rule making: The department will adopt and amend rules on the general subject of unemployment insurance benefits in order to update, revise, and clarify policy. This includes, but is not limited to, rules related to job separations, job search requirements, reporting requirements, training, educational employees, deductions from benefits, and the definition of terms.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50.12.010, RCW 50.12.040, and RCW 50.20.010.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In order to make rules clearer and more comprehensive and to provide more consistent, predictable, and transparent standards, the department intends to review and update its rules which relate to eligibility for and payment of unemployment benefits, and to adopt new rules which both clarify and revise existing policy.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The U.S. Department of Labor reviews the state's administration of the unemployment insurance program to ensure conformity to federal statutes and regulations. The state has broad flexibility in the implementation of unemployment insurance laws as long as conformity is maintained. The proposed regulations will be shared with USDOL prior to adoption.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Proposed rules will be shared with stakeholders identified in the rulemaking process, input solicited from stakeholders, and all written comments considered in the development of the final rules.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Interested persons can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting:

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